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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 August 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 4 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- 1) ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - 2) ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - 3) ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. **Claims 1 and 2** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bowen (U.S. Patent 5,561,737) in view of Pinede et al. (U.S. Patent 4,591,671).

Regarding **claim 1**, Bowen discloses an integrated device for testing tone quality of a plurality of microphones (See abstract) a main body (200, Figure 2); a control panel mounted on said main body and provided with a plurality of receiving holes for receiving a plurality of microphones (220, Figure 2; column 5, lines 11-16; column 3, line 31-32). Bowen generally teaches of a switching system (See abstract) but fails to disclose a plurality of switches corresponding to said receiving holes. However the concept of a plurality of switches corresponding to receiving holes was well known in the art at the time of filing as taught by Pinede. Pinede discloses a plurality of switches (66-85, Figure 1; column 3, lines 38-43) corresponding to a plurality of LEDs (20-39, Figure 1; column 3, lines 38-43). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to have switches corresponding to each microphone and the LEDs corresponding to the microphones in order to allow the user to determined which microphones were being used.

Claim 2 claims the integrated device as defined in claim 1, wherein said control panel is provided with a plurality of light-emitting diode (LED) indicator lamps

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corresponding in location to said receiving holes and said switches. As stated above apropos of claim 1, the combination of Bowen and Pinede meet all elements of that claim. Therefore, the combination meets all elements of claim 2 with the exception of the claimed matter. Pinede discloses the concept of a panel provided with a plurality of LED indicator lamps corresponding to receiving holes. The LEDs would obviously corresponding to both the microphone and the switch if the microphone and switch are connected as stated above apropos of claim 1. All elements of claim 2 are comprehended by claim 1. Therefore, claim 2 is rejected for reasons given above apropos of claim 1.

Claim Objections

3. **Claim 4** is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

U.S. Patent H413 to Lelie discloses a microphone output level tester.

U.S. Patent Application 2002/0009206 to Jorgensen discloses a microphone assembly.

U.S. Patent 5,805,717 to Mills discloses a light sensitive switch with microphone.


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Devona E. Faulk whose telephone number is 703-305-4359. The examiner can normally be reached on 8 am - 5 pm.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Forester W. Isen can be reached on 703-305-4386. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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